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Continuing Education Notice

When a complaint is received by the Department against a psychologist, a CE (continuing education) audit is automatically initiated.

Continuing Education Guidelines

No more than 20 CE credits granted for any one course.

No more than 20 credits total for all self-developed CE will be granted.

Self-developed courses include all activities organized under your direction, including teaching courses, offering workshop presentations, attending graduate level courses and other activities outside of traditional continuing education forums. If you are the instructor, CE credit is only allowed for the first time teaching the material. Credit is given at the rate of 2 credits for each hour of presentation up to 20 credits. A "self-evaluation" form will be attached

to the Board approval for your completion. Please keep a copy of your CE approval request form, the "self-evaluation" form and the Board approval on file.

Eight (8) CE credits of Ethics/Jurisprudence/Risk Management required this biennium.

This can include programs whose focus is ethical principles, state statutes and regulations affecting psychology practice, liability prevention, and the protection of the public in the delivery of services.

To Save Your Time & The Board's:

1. If the sponsor is APA approved, Board approval for CE credits (including ethics CE) is not required. (APA-approved sponsors are required to be clearly identified in brochures, certificates, etc.)
2. DO complete the approval request form and attach the required information (i.e., brochure, credentials of presenters, intended audience, course outline and schedule, method of evaluation). Without the requested information, it is difficult to adequately review the CE.
3. DO NOT submit requests for CE courses once you have attained the required 40 credits.

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approval. If you are in doubt as to whether approval was granted, contact the program's sponsor.

Supervisors Of Candidates For Licensure Please Note:

Regarding Completion of Supervisory Forms:

When you are noting services for which, the supervisee demonstrates competence or is qualified to perform independently, please consider teaching as you would any other skills such as therapy or testing. Be sure to rate this based on observed evidence of proficiency in a college level course or an organized seminar or workshop. If you cannot attest to teaching proficiency, do not check it off on the supervision form.

Telepractice By Any Name is Still Practice Subject to Standards of Care

By: Barbara A. Van Horne, Ph.D.

Whether it's called telepractice, telehealth, telemedicine, telecommunications or electronic or telephonic communication, psychologists are bound by statutes, rules, regulations, ethics and standards of the practice of psychology. Many jurisdictions, including Wisconsin, have or are considering language to address telepractice issues. Protection of the public is the Board's responsibility regardless of the medium. Obviously, regulation is even more difficult given the jurisdictional lines and geographic distances that may be involved.

Equally obvious is the fact that telepractice demands the same attention to standards of care as any other practice of psychology. A safe rule of thumb is to assume that telepractice must follow the same rules and regulations that apply to any practice of psychology. It matters not whether the care, supervision, or instruction is provided face to face or through electronic means. Basically, the psychologist must be competent to provide the service and must provide it competently. Given the complexities of the new technologies, standards of care require a psychologist not only to be fully informed, but also to obtain informed consent from the consumer. As a result, the simple fact that the quality of care must be assured whatever the means of delivery requires the psychologist to be knowledgeable about the service provided, the implications of the medium of delivery, as well as the technology itself. No small feat.

Regulation of telepractice is complicated for all jurisdictions including Wisconsin. Telepractice itself is an innovation requiring new skills and extra attention to the ramifications of technological

opportunities which leaves the practitioner facing complicated problems. What is uncomplicated is the fact that the psychologist must adhere to the fundamental requirement to provide ethical care and above all else, do no harm.

- Psychologists must provide informed consent in the provision of services which includes, among other information, fees for psychological services.
- Psychologists must provide "prior notification to the client at the time the information was elicited of the use and distribution of the information." (Psy 5.01 Professional Conduct).
- In other words, tell the client **who** you might tell **what** to and **when**. This includes diagnoses in insurance billing and release of information to managed care utilization review.

Is Moving in Your Future?

By: Stephen F. Seaman, Ph.D.

Many psychologists who have been in practice for a significant amount of time regard the possibility of applying for licensure in a different state with dread. How do you track down supervisors to have forms filled out? What if the supervisor has passed away? What if the licensing requirements when you were licensed are different than licensing requirements now? What if you never took the EPPP exam? There are two different approaches to easing mobility for psychologists that are being offered by various states and provinces through the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), the ASPPB Reciprocity Agreement and the Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ).

The ASPPB Reciprocity Agreement is an agreement between all jurisdictions that have joined the agreement, to accept all doctoral level licensees of other member jurisdictions who have been in practice for at least five years with no disciplinary actions. Licensure applicants who satisfy these criteria would not need to pass the EPPP, document education or supervision, or pass an oral examination in order to be licensed in any other state or province that was a member of the agreement. Currently, nine states and provinces are members of this agreement, four others, including Wisconsin, have applications in process. There are several, relatively minor statute and rule changes, and clarification of some other issues that will be required before a final determination can be made as to whether Wisconsin will be eligible for membership in the agreement. While membership

would greatly ease the process of moving into another member jurisdiction, it is likely that quite a few jurisdictions will never be able to join the agreement.

The CPQ offers an alternative approach to mobility. Rather than being an agreement between jurisdictions, the CPQ is a credential that an individual can obtain which may be accepted by many states as satisfying the requirements for education, supervised experience, EPPP and oral examination. To qualify for the CPQ, a psychologist must be licensed for independent practice in an ASPPB member jurisdiction, have a doctoral degree in psychology, have been in practice for at least five years, and have had no disciplinary actions. In addition, the psychologist must be a member of the National Register, Canadian Register, or have a ABPP diplomat status; OR meet specific education requirements, have 3,000 hours of supervised experience, have passed the EPPP and passed an oral examination. In addition, any psychologist licensed prior to 1981 (US) or 1986 (Canada), would be eligible during an initial grandfathering period of 18 months. Currently, Ontario will accept the CPQ. Approximately 12 other jurisdictions have voted to accept the CPQ, but do not have all of the administrative rules passed to implement this acceptance, although several of these may be finalized by the time this reaches publication. Currently 8 jurisdictions have expressed serious reservations about the CPQ. Wisconsin is currently reviewing the program, and most likely will be moving toward accepting this credential. The application process for psychologists wishing to qualify for the CPQ is anticipated to begin on August 1, 1998. Psychologists interested in receiving further information about the CPQ can contact the Licensed Psychologists Data Source (LPDS), which is a service of ASPPB: LPDS, P.O. Box 4389, Montgomery, AL 36103-4389.

New Score Transfer Service

Individuals who have taken the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) in one jurisdiction and want their score reported to another will now need to contact the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), rather than Professional Examination Service (PES).

The new service, called Licensed Psychologists Data Source (LPDS), will maintain permanent records of candidate's EPPP scores, both historical -- to the extent available from PES -- and ongoing. LPDS will provide the psychology licensing board with cumulative data about that administration of the exam in addition to the candidate's score. In

addition, the score transfer will include a check of ASPPB's Disciplinary Data System, so that records of discipline on the individual will be reported along with the EPPP score.

The fee for score transfer will be \$75 per request. Report to one licensing board is included in the candidate's initial exam fee. Applications are available at the examination, or from LPDS. The candidate must supply their examination identification number to use this service.

For more information, or to request a score transfer application, contact ASPPB Licensed Psychologists Data Source (LPDS), P.O. Box 4389, Montgomery, AL 36103-4389, or (334) 832-4580.

Discipline

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The Minnesota board found that he failed to protect the welfare of psychology students. He imposed gender, sexual preference and nationality stereotypes on psychology students and adversely affected their educational experience. Effective 11/11/97. Sec. 455.09 (1)(g), Stats. Psy 5.01(2) and (10) Case # LS9711113PSY.

JANIS J. MELUM
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1998: June 8, July 25, Sept. 11, Oct. 8, Dec. 11.

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<http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/drl/>
Send comments to dorl@mail.state.wi.us

Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the Psychology Statutes and Administrative Code can be ordered through the Board Office. Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated April, 1997.

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